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In re application of

Enzo Ingriselli et al

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Title: Compact Reactant Gas Plumbing
Serving Dual Identical Fuel Cell Stacks

Examiner: Tony Chuo

Art Unit: 1745

Docket No.: C-3145

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RESPONSECommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2007; an RCE is filed herewith; claims 1-3 remain for consideration.

The undersigned is grateful for the cordial and attentive reception that SPE Ryan and Examiner Chuo gave to the presentation of applicants' assertions with respect to the cited art, at a personal interview held on July 26, 2007.

Applicants refer to paragraphs 9-15 of the -132 Declaration of Robin Jay Guthrie, filed with the Amendment After Final Rejection, April 23, 2007. Simple reading of the portions of Sugita referred to in the Declaration will confirm that Sugita discloses nothing that would render claim 1 unpatentable.

The Response to Arguments, at pages 3-6 of the Office Action dated June 27, 2007, are very instructive:

Paragraph 6 is not referenced to any disclosure in Sugita, and is, in fact, totally incorrect;

Paragraph 8 is wholly irrelevant to the claims;

Paragraph 10 refers to an inlet/outlet manifold in Fig. 16 - in fact there is none; there is an H2 Inlet 194 (which feeds an H2-inlet manifold) and there is an H2 outlet 212, totally separate from the inlet;

The second sentence of paragraph 12 is wholly irrelevant to the claims; the third sentence of paragraph 12 is incorrect (MPEP 2173.05(g));

The second sentence of paragraph 14 is correct; the third and fourth sentences are not supported by Sugita and are wrong.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3 is respectfully requested.

To save the Examiner considerable time when this case is taken up, a short phone call is recommended should any issue herein still be unresolved. A few minutes on the phone could clarify a point, or result in a supplemental response which would further limit or dispose of issues. A five minute phone call can save the Examiner a lot of work. Such a phone call would be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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